

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS

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June 22, 2015

Ms. Margaret Lashar
Regional Administrator
Program Open Space
Tawes State Office Building, E-4
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Lashar:

Attached please find one (1) original and one copy of the 'Fiscal Year 2016 Program Open Space Annual Program for *St. Mary's County*. The projects are as follows:

Acquisition Projects

1. Patuxent River Public Landing Acquisition
2. Planning Grant

Development Project

1. Lancaster Park Improvements

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (301) 475-4200, Extension 1812.

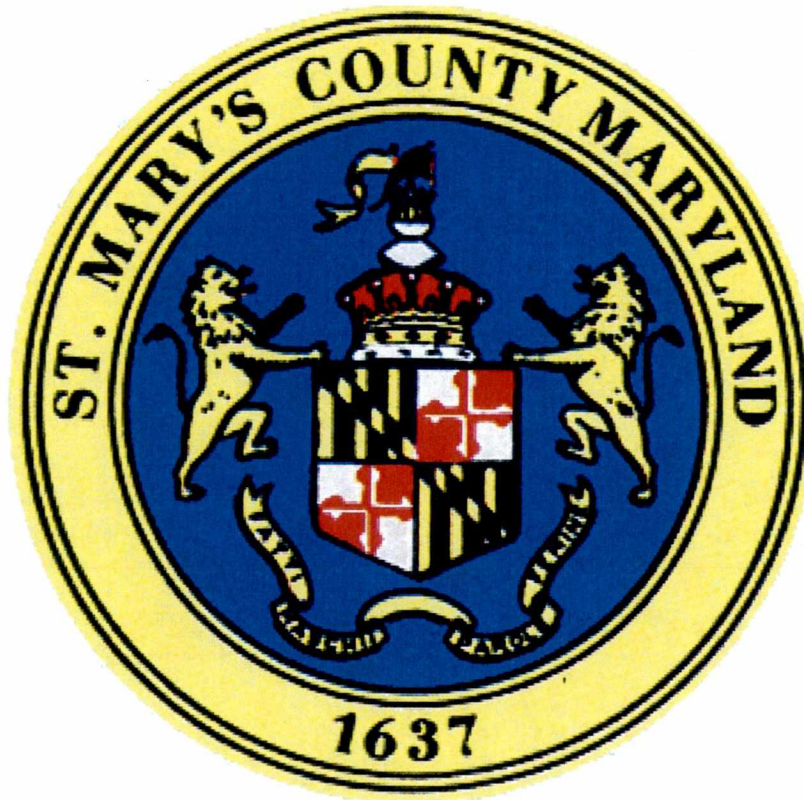
Very truly yours,

Brian M. Loewe
Director

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Attachments

St. Mary's County



**Annual Program for Proposed POS
Acquisition and Development Projects**

Fiscal Year 2016

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St. Mary's County

P.O.S. Annual Program

INTRODUCTION

St. Mary's County's FY2016 Annual Program includes one acquisition project, one development project and one planning grant. The proposed acquisition project, Patuxent River Public Landing Acquisition will enable the County to acquire property in the central part of the County for public boating access to the Patuxent River.

The development project in the FY2016 Annual Program is for funding to assist with construction of additional parking and multi-purpose practice fields for youth sports at John G. Lancaster Park located in Lexington Park, Maryland.

The projects proposed in FY2016 are all consistent with goals identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan and the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. All are also included in the County's FY2016 capital budget program. The process used to select the projects included:

1. Staff review and recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Board;
2. Recreation and Parks Board adoption and recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County;
3. Planning Commission review and recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County;
4. Commissioners of St. Mary's County adoption.

St. Mary's County POS Annual Program

Acquisition Project Description

1. Patuxent River Public Landing Acquisition

The County is proposing to use \$1,217,604 in FY2016 for acquisition of property on the Patuxent River in the central part of the County for a boat ramp, pier and parking area for public access to the Patuxent River. However, no specific property has been identified for acquisition at this time.

Acquisition of property for public boating access on the Patuxent River is a high priority of the County. Local-side Program Open Space (POS) funding for this project consists of \$347,017 in FY2008; \$101,409 in FY2009; \$42,068 in FY2010; \$84,500 in FY2011; \$193,574 in FY2013, \$187,662 in FY2014, \$140,995 in FY2015 and \$120,379 in FY2016.

Acquisition of this property is consistent with the 2012 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) in which priorities for recreational land acquisition, facility development and rehabilitation are derived from the supply and demand needs analysis, input from the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and consideration of identified needs in the context of State and County goals. The project is further identified on page III-19, table 10 as a mid-range land acquisition and development recommendation for FY 2017 – FY 2021 and long-range acquisition and development recommendation for FY 2022 and beyond.

2. Planning Grant

This project requests the use of \$25,000 to update the County's Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). This plan is required by State law as a prerequisite to participate in Program Open Space funding program. This update of the plan will address the goals of the 2012 Planning Act.

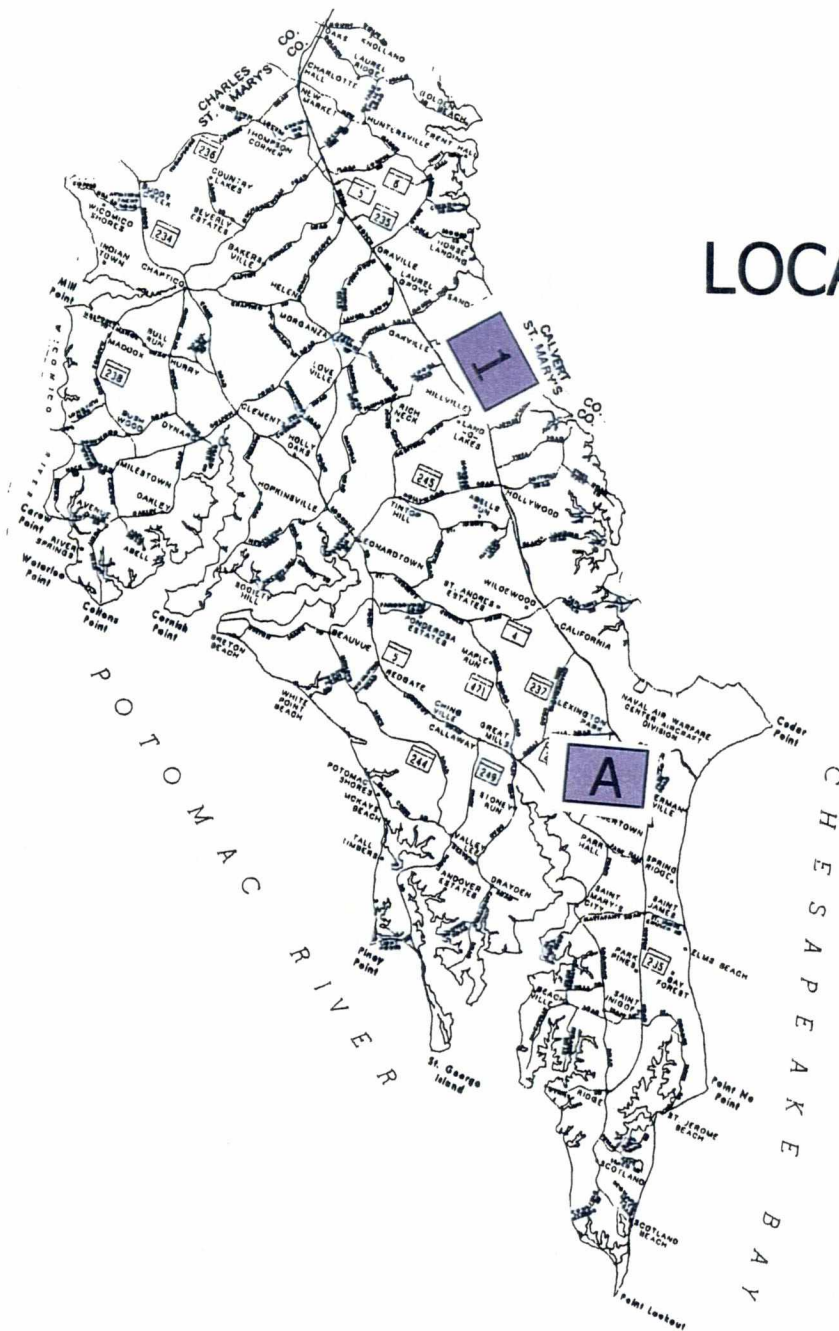
PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION

FISCAL YEAR 2016

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description (Project Description Attached)	Acreage			Source of Funds (for Annual Program Only)			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State POS (Local Funds)	Other - Federal / State-Side POS
St. Mary's County	Patuxent River Public Landing Acquisition	0	2	2	\$1,217,604		\$1,217,604	
St. Mary's County	Planning Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	

April 1, 1996

LOCATION MAP



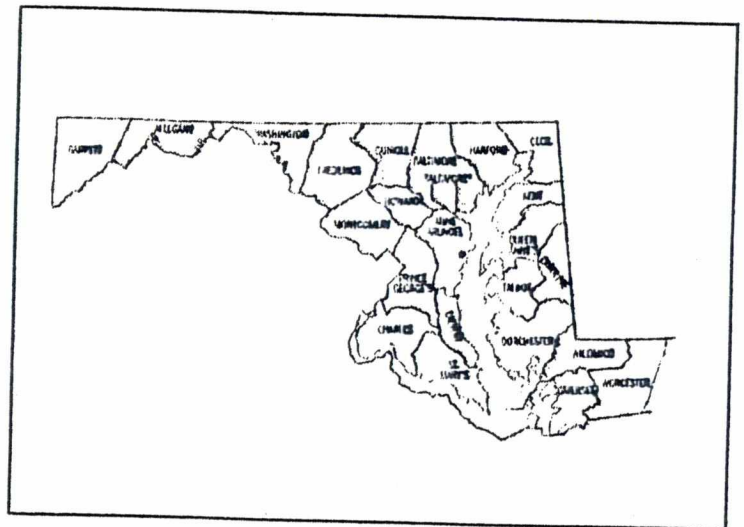
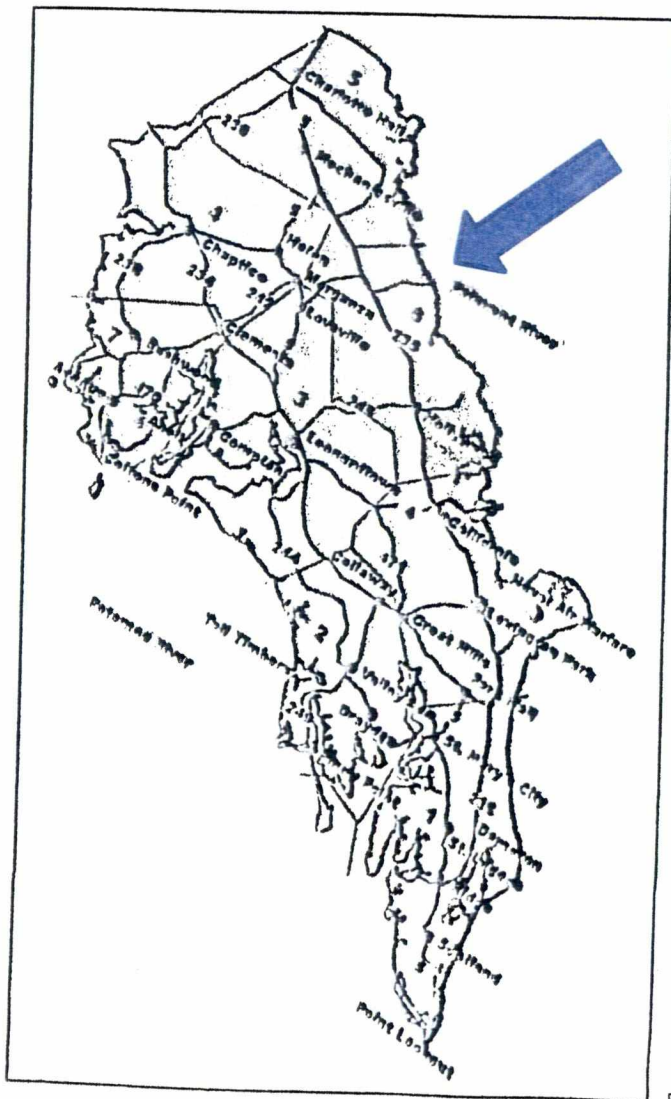
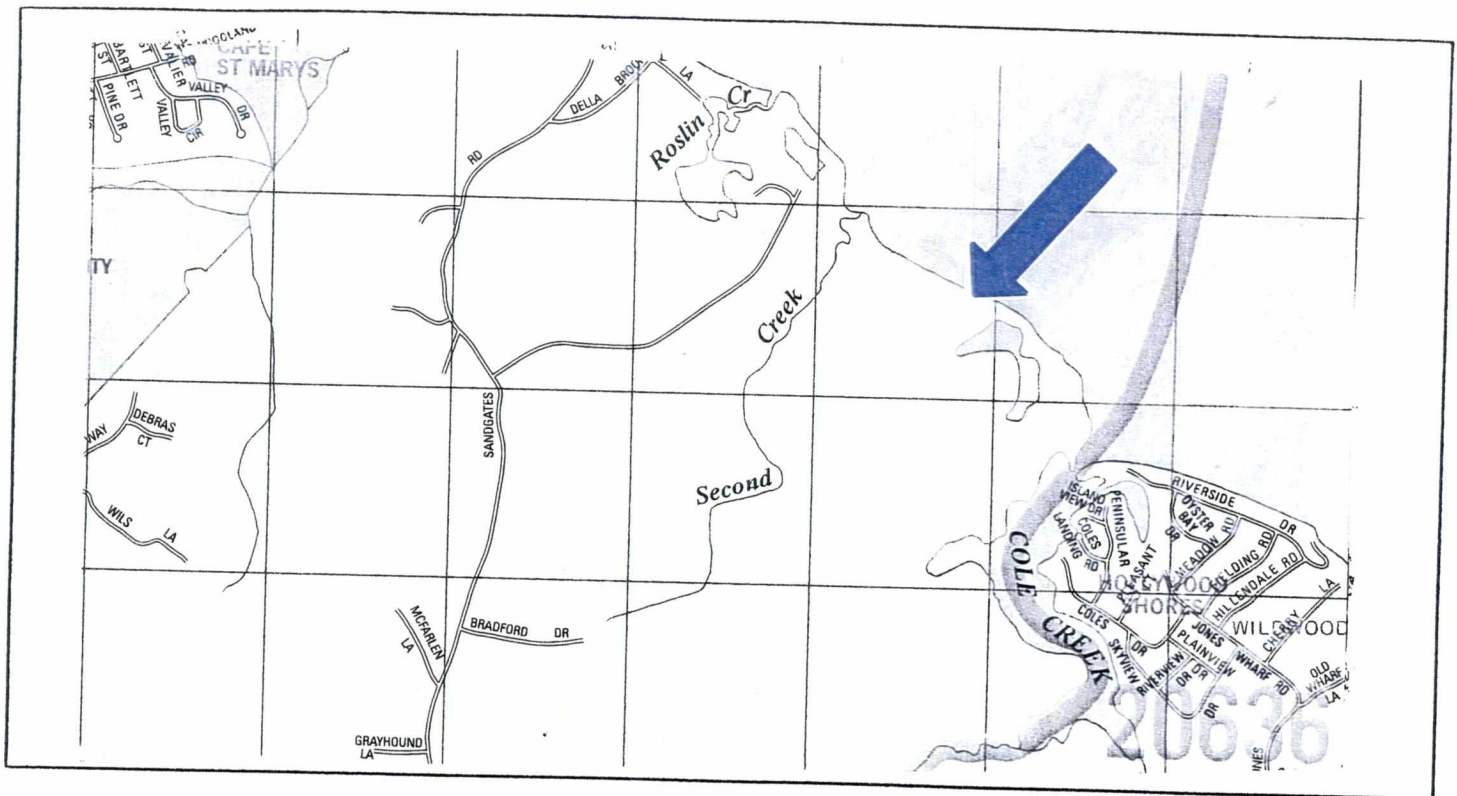
Legend

Acquisition

1 - Patuxent River Public Landing Acquisition

Development

A - Lancaster Park Improvements



Program Open Space

Project: Patuxent River Public Landing Acquisition
Applicant: St. Mary's County

Funding Authorization

June 22, 2015

Date

Director, Program Open Space
Department of Natural Resources
Tawes Building, E-4
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Patuxent River Public Landing Acquisition
(Complete Project Title)

Dear Director:

As the official designated by St. Mary's County for the purpose of dispensing the Program Open Space and Land and Water Conservation Fund apportionments for this political subdivision, I hereby certify that **St. Mary's County** (Applicant) may apply for the following funds on the above referenced project.

Name of Grant Program	Amount
Program Open Space - Local POS Funds	\$1,217,604
Land and Water Conservation Fund	
*Other (specify)	
Total	\$1,217,604



Signature – County Liaison Officer

Brian M. Loewe

Type Name of County Liaison

Funding Authorization

June 22, 2015

Date

Director, Program Open Space
Department of Natural Resources
Tawes Building, E-4
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Planning Grant
(Complete Project Title)

Dear Director:

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Name of Grant Program	Amount
Program Open Space	\$25,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	
*Other (specify) – County Funds	\$15,000
Total	\$40,000



Signature – County Liaison Officer

Brian M. Loewe

Type Name of County Liaison

St. Mary's County POS Annual Program

Development Project Description

A. Lancaster Park Improvements

The County is proposing to use \$255,000 in FY2015/FY2016 Program Open Space (POS) funds to assist with the construction of additional parking and multi-purpose practice fields for youth sports (football, soccer, and lacrosse). John G. Lancaster Park is currently very heavily used, particularly in the fall for youth football, and there is inadequate parking and practice space.

Additional parking is also needed to accommodate citizens using the playground, basketball court, fitness trail, picnic pavilion, off-leash dog park and the disc golf course. Currently, parking is occurring along Willows Road which is an unsafe situation for children and families. Undeveloped land is available in the park to accommodate both needs. Approval from the Navy has been granted as the Lancaster Park property is leased from the Federal Government.

Design and engineering is complete and construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2016 with an estimated completion date of February, 2017. The estimated costs for the project are as follows: design and engineering - \$64,940 (county funds); project management - \$80,000 (county funds) and construction - \$1,955,060 for a total of \$2,100,000. Funding of the construction will consist of Program Open Space (POS) and County funds.

The project is consistent with the 2012 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP), in which priorities for recreational land acquisition, facility development and rehabilitation are derived from the supply and demand needs analysis, input from the Recreation and Parks Board and consideration of identified needs in the context of State and County goals.

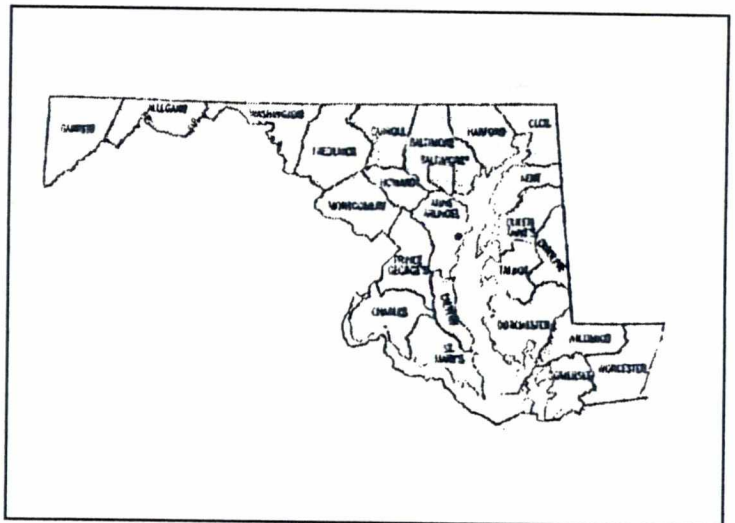
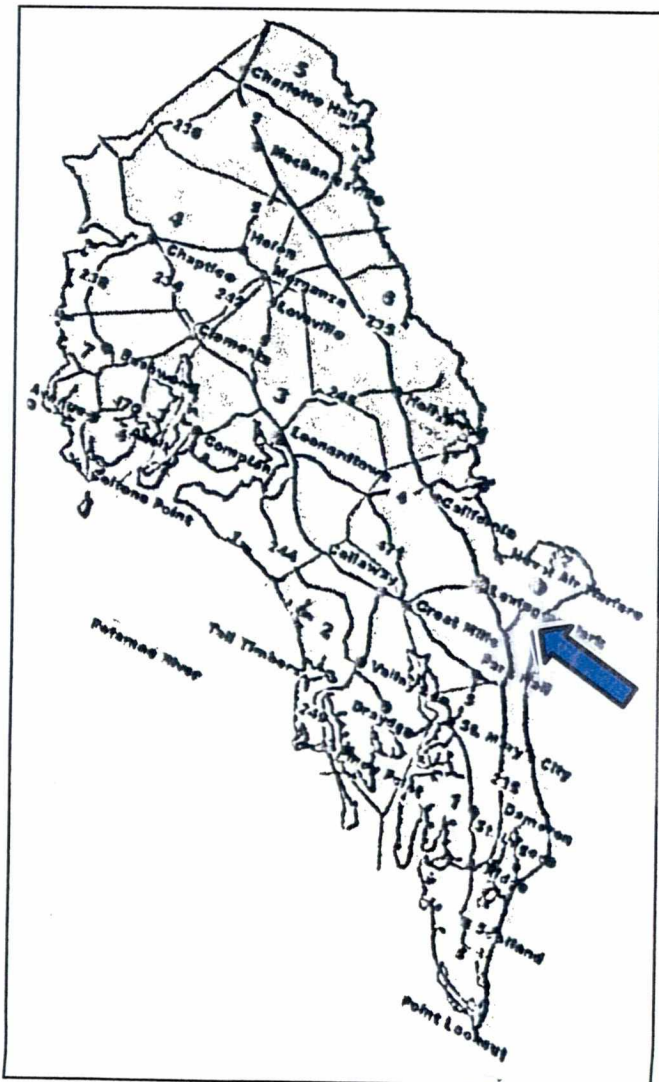
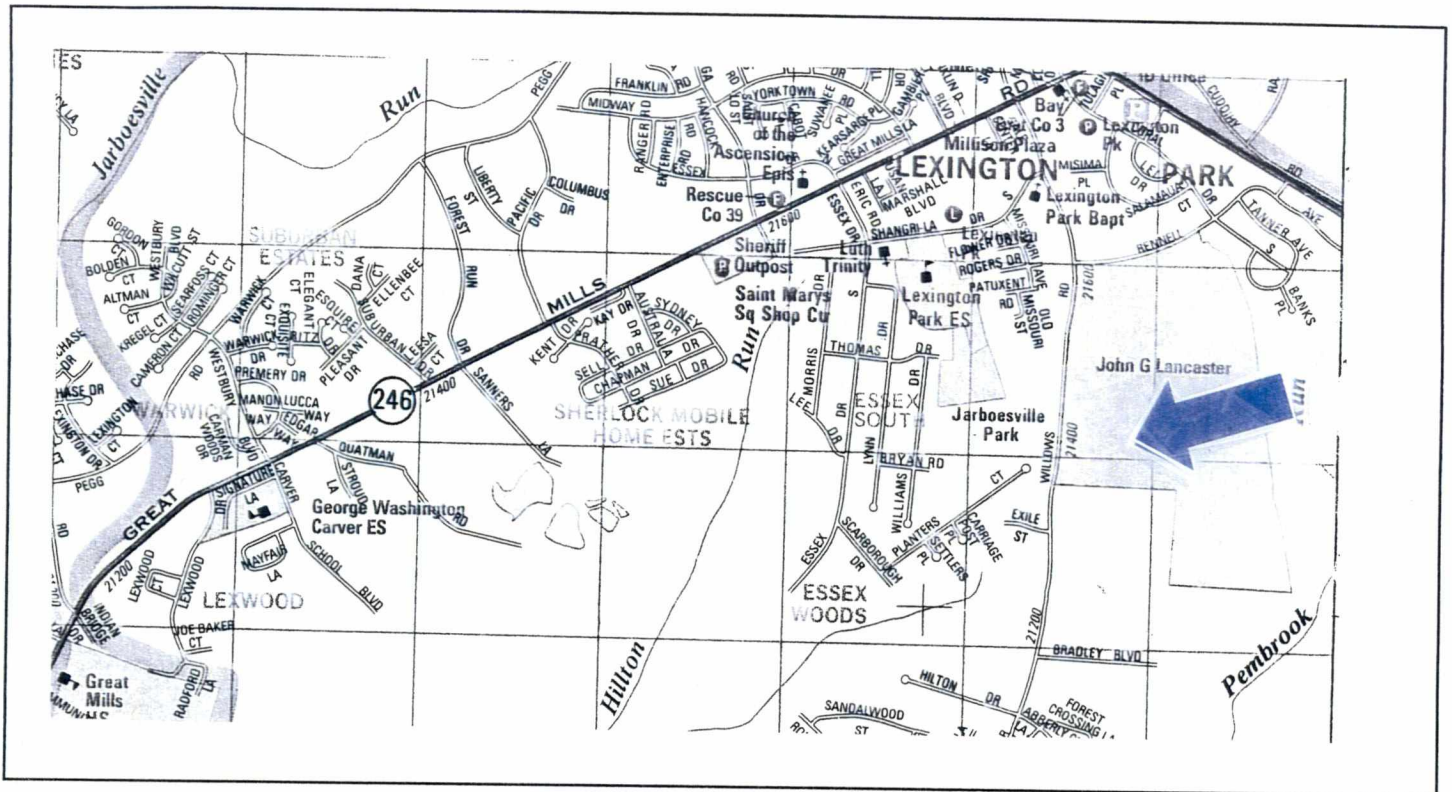
It is also consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan to "Create new and enhanced parks and recreation facilities" that link existing parks and communities to provide expanded recreational opportunities while preserving environmental, aesthetic, and cultural quality (page 10-5).

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2016

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description (Project Description Attached)	Acreage			Source of Funds (for Annual Program Only)			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State POS (Local Funds)	Other - Federal / State-Side POS
St. Mary's County	Lancaster Park Improvements	97.265	97.265	46.725	\$2,100,000	\$1,845,000	\$255,000	

April 1, 1996



Program Open Space

Project: Lancaster Park Improvements

Applicant: St. Mary's County

Funding Authorization

June 22, 2015

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Land and Water Conservation Fund	
*Other (specify) – County Funds	\$1,845,000
Total	\$2,100,000



Signature – County Liaison Officer

Brian M. Loewe

Type Name of County Liaison